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SPRINGFIELD, IL - The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **September 1 Hogs and Pigs Report**. State and national highlights of the report include:

ILLINOIS

Total **inventory** of all hogs and pigs on hand September 1, 2008 was 4.4 million head, up five percent from last year. Market hogs, at 3.95 million head, were up five percent from a year ago, while breeding hogs, at 450 thousand head, were unchanged.

The June - August **pig crop** of 2.27 million pigs was up one percent from last year. There were 240 thousand sows that farrowed, down two percent from last year. The average number of pigs per litter was 9.45, up from 9.15 during the same period last year.

Hog producers **intend to farrow** 240 thousand sows during the September - November quarter, down two percent from the same period a year ago. The first intentions estimate for the December 2008 - February 2009 quarter is for 240 thousand sows to farrow, unchanged from the previous year.

UNITED STATES

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2008 was 68.7 million head. This was up two percent from September 1, 2007 and up one percent from June 1, 2008. **Breeding inventory**, at 6.05 million head, was down three percent from last year and down one percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 62.6 million head, was up three percent from last year and up two percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2008 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was up one percent from 2007 and up ten percent from 2006. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 3.08 million head, down two percent from 2007 but up six percent from 2006. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.51 for the June-August 2008 period, compared to 9.29 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for

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operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.60 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 3.01 million sows farrow during the September-November 2008 quarter, down five percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2007, but up two percent from 2006. Intended farrowings for December 2008-February 2009, at 2.98 million sows, are down three percent from 2008 but up three percent from 2007. The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 43 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 40 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS SEPTEMBER 1, 2007-2008

	Illinois			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	450	450	100	6,209	6,049	97
Market	3,750	3,950	105	61,069	62,607	103
Under 60 lbs.	1,400	1,410	101	22,650	22,573	100
60-119 lbs.	930	1,020	110	15,262	15,428	101
120-179 lbs.	800	860	108	12,531	13,295	106
180 lbs.& over	620	660	106	10,627	11,312	106
Total	4,200	4,400	105	67,279	68,657	102

HOGS AND PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2007-2008

	Illinois			United States		
	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007	2007	2008	2008 as % of 2007
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing						
Dec-Feb 1/	240	240 2/	100	3,071	2,983 2/	97
Mar-May	230	230	100	3,033	3,092	102
Jun-Aug	245	240	98	3,132	3,076	98
Sep-Nov	245	240 2/	98	3,180	3,006 2/	95
Pig Crop						
Mar-May	2,082	2,151	103	27,896	29,000	104
June-August	2,242	2,268	101	29,094	29,251	101
	Number					
Pigs Per Litter						
Mar-May	9.05	9.35	-	9.20	9.38	-
June-August	9.15	9.45	-	9.29	9.51	-

1/ January and February of following year.

2/ Intentions.